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SUBJ: DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM AT HELSINKI FESTIVAL

1. HELSINKI FESTIVAL DIRECTOR SEEKING OUR ASSISTANCE TO ARRANGE PERFORMANCE BY DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM IN 1974 PROGRAM. SINCE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO OTHER AMERICANS ENGAGED FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL, WHICH ALREADY INCLUDES INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ARTISTS FROM EUROPE AND JAPAN, EMBASSY PROPOSES SUPPORT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IF DEPARTMENT EVALUATION OF HARLEM GROUP POSITIVE.

2. USIS HAS BUDGETED SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL SUPPORT, AND IS WILLING RE-PROGRAM ADDITIONAL THREE HUNDRED TO SUPPORT BALLET.

3. DUE CURRENT DISORGANIZATION OF ASLA ALUMNI FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT AND TEMPORARY PROGRAM HIATUS WE INTEND WITHHOLD THIS YEAR'S BUDGETED TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT. EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE UTILIZE THOSE FUNDS TO SUPPORT DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM APPEARANCE HELSINKI AUGUST 26-30. BELIEVE REMAINDER OF REQUIREMENT MAY BE MUSTERED LOCALLY.

4. UNDERSTAND GROUP WILL DEPART U.S. SHORTLY FOR EXTENSIVE EUROPEAN TOUR. DEMANDS DECISION FROM HELSINKI BY FEBRUARY 12. ADVISE.
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